

BY SUPERINTENDENT

Questions About School Bond Election Answered

Questions about the school bond elections scheduled Feb. 8 were answered today by Dr. J. H. Hull, superintendent of schools.

The questions, raised by parents throughout the city, were put to Dr. Hull by Mrs. Hiro Muranako, PTA Council president.

Questions and Dr. Hull's answers were:

1. Why do we need more school bonds?

"Bonds are needed because enrollment is growing and we have run out of classrooms. All elementary classrooms are full. We keep getting more freshmen than we graduate each year in the high schools; so we have to keep adding to our high school plants as well. And we have run out of money to build with."

2. How will the school bonds affect the tax rate?

"The school bonds will neither raise nor lower the tax rate. They will merely extend the tax rate as it has been for the past several years."

3. Will the high schools all be brought up to the same level of facilities?

"Yes. The school board intends to provide similar facilities at all schools."

4. Are all classrooms full in the elementary schools?

"This was answered in the first question. It is one of the main problems. There is no place to expand for growth in the elementary schools. Every classroom is full."

5. If the swimming pools are on the same ballot as the rest of the bond issue, can people vote for one and not the other?

"The answer is yes. While swimming is a life-long activity that is an excellent exercise and also is a life-saving activity, it is strictly the voters' choice as to whether or not they want to build pools, at this time."

6. What is the source of funds when a school district is already bonded to capacity?

"Two kinds of bond moneys are available to a school district that is bonded to capacity:

"As a district pays off old bonded debts, or outstanding bonds, they can sell new bonds in the same amount. The board can use the money obtained from the new bonds to build new schools. The payoff schedule works like a revolving charge account."

"As the market value of the district grows, the assessed valuation also goes up. (It is about one-fourth of the market value of the district.) The district is allowed to sell bonds equal to one-tenth of the assessed valuation. Every time the assessed valuation increases ten million dollars, the board can sell one million dollars worth of bonds."

"By combining our rate of growth and our bond payoff schedule, it is possible for the school district to obtain something like three to three and one-half million dollars per year in new building money, at our present rate of growth."

Drivers Are Sought by Area Bureau

Drivers, either permanent or substitute, are needed by the Volunteer Bureau-South Bay.

Much of the driving entails taking patients to and from clinics and hospitals for weekly shots or check-ups. Many people who are offered medical aid are unable to get to health centers due to lack of transportation.

Interested persons may telephone Mrs. Arthur R. Turner, executive director of the bureau, Monday, Wednesday or Friday mornings at TE 3-5227.

ILLNESSES NOTED

Illnesses reported to the Los Angeles County Health Department from the Torrance area for the week ending Dec. 18 were: gonorrhoea, three cases; hepatitis, two; salmonellosis, one; syphilis, five; and tuberculosis, one.

"We will still, however, be bonded only to the bonding capacity; and the tax rate will remain the same."

"One of the reasons the bond rate goes up and down a few cents each year is that interest rates on all outstanding bonds are not the same. Sometimes it takes a little more and sometimes a little less to make the annual interest payments. Newer plans for financing schools call for higher interest rate payments at the beginning and lower interest rate payments at the end of the bond issue as they are paid off."

7. What other means does the board have for meeting the enrollment growth?

"If the board wanted to fi-

nance building schools out of present income on a pay-as-you-go basis, they could go to the voters for a direct override tax. It would cost residents about an extra \$1.31 in taxes on every \$100 of assessed valuation.

"By selling bonds, the board can maintain the present tax rate and spread the cost of buildings over 20 years, just as a homeowner spreads the mortgage payments on his home over a long period of time."

"New residents and new wealth will also be helping to pay for them under the bonding method of financing schools. This makes more sense than taking it all out of our pockets today for the use of the next generation."

Disabled Veterans Urged To Answer Income Checks

County Veterans Service Officer Arthur H. Tryon today urged disabled veterans and dependents of deceased vets who have received the annual questionnaire cards with their VA checks to call upon his office for assistance in completing the forms.

The cards were sent to approximately 90,000 disabled veterans and dependents of approximately 69,000 deceased vets in California. The questionnaires must be returned to the VA before Jan. 31, or pension payments will be delayed and possibly stopped.

"Laws affecting both social security and veterans benefits have an effect on income as defined for the purpose of a VA pension," Tryon said. "Veterans must be sure to complete these questionnaires completely and correctly."

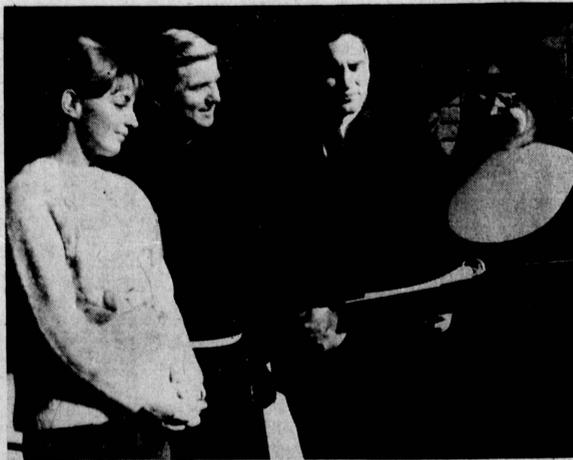
RECEIVING the questionnaires are veterans or their widows and children draw-

ing non-service connected pension benefits, and veterans' parents receiving benefits under the dependency and indemnity compensation program.

Tryon stated that his staff has just participated in a meeting put on by the California Department of Veterans Affairs at which the latest regulations and laws dealing with income questionnaires and veterans' incomes were discussed.

"Our main headquarters and branch offices throughout the county are prepared to assist vets with this year's questionnaire," he said, "and I would suggest that vets plan to call on us early so as to avoid the rush at the end of January."

The County Veterans Service Office is at 220 N. Broadway, Room 701, Old Hall of Records, in Los Angeles. Branch offices are in Downey, Long Beach, West Covina, Pasadena and Van Nuys.



AN ADVISORY BOARD . . . Mrs. Gail Schoening, an English teacher at Bishop Montgomery High School, Fr. Laurence, OFM Conv., boys' principal at the school, and Marvin Wood, biology teacher and football coach, discuss the agenda for Montgomery's Advisory Board with Sr. William, CSJ, girls' principal. The Advisory Board is one of four committees established by principals at the school to assist in setting school policy.

ALPHA BETA

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U.S.D.A. CHOICE OR ALPHA BETA Trimmed-Rite
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U.S.D.A. CHOICE OR ALPHA BETA Trimmed-Rite
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